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## African American Clergies Program Amasses Success!!!

When Rev. Joe Hardie, President/Executive Director of the African American Clergies and the Board sat down last fall to put together a gang youth project that was church based, they never imagined in their wildest sermon that the project would be so successful. In just one week the program is bursting at the seams.

The African American Clergies Gang Summer Youth Project is a relatively new program that consists of several components: free breakfast and lunch for 6-19 year olds; park ministry extravaganza which includes free food; jobs programs; 24 hour hotline; counseling and free clothing. Because the project is so comprehensive, the group has prioritized the free breakfast and lunch program, park ministry extravaganza, and counseling as their immediate foci. Last week the organization fed 763 youth at the St. Mark Baptist Church site, located at 103 NE Morris Street, which is on the east corner of NE Morris and Rodney. This number did not include the 60 or so adults who were also fed.

Saturday, June 26, was the Park Extravaganza kick-off at Peninsula Park. There was live music and guest



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speakers, along with recreational activities.

There was also free barbecued ribs, chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs. Over 650 people were fed including adults.

The park program will be featured at different parks throughout the summer. On July 10th, the African American Clergies park program will

be held at Columbia Park. The group expects at least 1000 people to be present at the event. The public is invited.

Roy Washington, formerly of Yaun Child Care Center and MYCAP, is the Assistant Director.

For more information call African American Clergies' office at 282-3975.

## NAMCO Sues Tri-Met

NAMCO takes legal action against Tri-Met over the use of an unqualified out of state DBE. In a press conference held June 28, 1993, NAMCO issued the following statement:

On Friday, June 25, 1993, the National Association of Minority Contractors of Oregon (NAMCO) filed a complaint in the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon. NAMCO, a trade association of construction contractors acting on behalf of its members, to protect their common interests under ORS 279.067, has brought this action against Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (Tri-Met), Frontier/Traylor Tri-Met Joint Venture (Frontier/Traylor), Mendez Excavation (Mendez) and MRC Company.

NAMCO has filed this lawsuit as the result of Tri-Met's June 14, 1993 denial of a protest by Guy F. Atkinson/Granite Construction Joint Venture and the award of the Westside Light Rail Tunnel contract to Frontier/Traylor. NAMCO has sought a preliminary injunction because of the proposed use of a non-qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Mendez, as a manufacturer of ready-mix concrete and shotcrete. Tri-Met would allow Mendez to work under a sub-contract for \$9,781,000, or 9.4 percent of Frontier/Traylor's bid, knowing that Mendez has never manufactured concrete.

### Meeting Notice

Metro is having the following meetings during the week. Unless otherwise noted, meeting will be at 600 NE Grand, Portland call if you would like more information.

Monday, June 28 Metro Apportionment Commission 2pm

Wednesday, June 30 South/North Transit Corridor Study Workshop 7pm, The Milwaukee Center 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive Contact Vickie Rucker at 797-1511 for more information.

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- THE 3 AMIGOS (WITH MARK BOSNIAN, FORMERLY WITH BODY AND SOUL)
- JOHN MANNENBACH; AND STEVE TALLIS
- J-BIRD & THE KATZ (JAY KODER, GUITARIST FOR CURTIS SALGADO; GARY FONTAINE, BASSIST FOR BODY & SOUL; AND ANDY STOKES, FORMERLY WITH COOLR)
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## Come Eye to Eye With the Underworld

Over 30,000 Oregon children were exposed to the underworld this year as part of their education. The Oregon Lottery doesn't object one bit.

The underworld in this case is the Oregon Coast Aquarium, a place meant to employ and educate. The aquarium has given Newport 69 new jobs worth \$2 million a year in payroll. Add the money spent by 825,000 visitors in the past year—you've got cash registers ringing up all over Lincoln County.

A bronze octopus door handle shakes your hand as you enter. Inside, children squeal and sea lions bark, playing together on opposite sides of a glass wall. Sea stars pose for pictures among



the rocks that feel like home—to wildlife and visitors alike. There's lots of learning going on in that 29 acres of sea and shore.

Lottery funds of \$2 million helped build the \$24 million aquarium. Eight miles

of pipe, 37 miles of wiring, and 40,000 square feet of exhibits. Three sea otters—refugees from the Exxon Valdez spill—frolic in designer pools. A man-made rookery hosts North America's largest sea bird aviary.

The Oregon Lottery is proud to have helped build this success story. The Oregon Coast Aquarium is a double winner—a place where Newport earns and visitors learn.



## Collection Changes Keep Late Payers In The Tax System

Increasingly, people who are having trouble paying their taxes are coming forward to work with the Internal Revenue Service because of its recent collection policy changes. The number of tax-payers with installment agreements and accepted offers-in-compromise has increased more than 30 percent in the last year. Since early 1992, the IRS has made it easier for taxpayers to set up installment plans and has been more receptive to settling for less than the full amount owed.

"Although it will take time to see the full impact of these changes, the early results indicate we have struck a responsive chord with people who want to meet their legitimate tax obligations but have financial difficulty in doing so," said IRS District Director Carolyn Leonard. "I think it shows that taxpayers are willing to cooperate with us if we give them a chance."

For many years, installment agreements have been the most common way to pay back taxes. The IRS now allows more of its employees to accept the agreements, including staff in Taxpayer Services and Examination. Also for most debts under \$10,000, the IRS no longer requires

taxpayers to give financial statements and does not file tax liens, which means the taxpayers' credit rating is not affected.

Most individual taxpayers who find themselves with a tax balance due will benefit from these changes. The IRS said that 97 percent of individuals who owe taxes have a total debt under \$10,000. In addition to making the installment payments, taxpayers must meet all tax obligations on time for the duration of the agreement.

During the first six months of fiscal year 1993, taxpayers entering installment agreements owed an average of \$4,625, up 14 percent from the same period the previous year.

Offers-in-compromise--in which the IRS settles a tax debt for a reduced amount--are also up sharply since the IRS enters into such settlements when it is unlikely that enforcement actions--such as levies or property seizures--could collect any more taxes than the settlements offer. Taxpayers considering such settlements should try to raise funds from various sources, including loans from relatives or friends, so that they can make a satisfactory offer.

Taxpayers with accepted offers

must also pay all taxes timely for the next five years. This commitment to future compliance with the tax laws is an important reason for the changes in IRS acceptance of compromise offers.

The most recent IRS collection innovation was Form 9465, on which taxpayers request installment plans when they file their returns. By May 8, the IRS had counted over 800,000 of these forms, and expects to find still more this month as it continues to process returns that were filed near the deadline.

Some taxpayers with extensions of time to file may realize that they will owe more than they can pay. They can cut their interest and penalty charges by starting to make payments as soon as possible, even before filing their returns. Checks should include social security numbers, the tax year and the form to be filed--for example: 1992 Form 1040.

Filers may attach Form 9465 to the front of their returns if they cannot pay their balance due. Those who get tax bills can also use the form to ask for installment plans. Taxpayers using Form 9465 should fill it out completely, since omissions will delay IRS approval of the request.